

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 358

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members of the  
2023 Mule Day Court and the 2023 Mule Day  
Queen, Addyson Codling.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those  
young citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as  
outstanding Tennesseans of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Addyson Codling, who was recently  
crowned Mule Day Queen for 2023; and

WHEREAS, the members of this year's Mule Day Court are Graciee English, Anisa  
Grimes, Kennedy Bragg, and Ava Sykes; their noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source  
of pride for their families, their communities, and the citizens of Maury County; and

WHEREAS, the Mule Day festival originated in 1934 and had beginnings in Breeders'  
Day, an annual livestock market and show that has been held for more than a hundred years;  
and

WHEREAS, Mule Day has been held continuously since 1974 under the sponsorship of  
the Maury County Bridle and Saddle Club; it began as a small one-day event and grew into a  
four-day extravaganza with mule pulls and shows, a grand parade with numerous participants,  
horse shows, an arts and crafts flea market, a knife and coin show, and the sale of local  
delicacies, to name but a few of the activities; and

WHEREAS, the successful festival attracts crowds of more than 300,000 visitors  
annually and prospers under the astute leadership of the director of the queen and pageant  
court, Lisa Flatt, who has served in the position since 1996, and Rachael Houston, the assistant  
director since 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Mule Day Queen and her court play a prominent role in the promotion of Mule Day, participating in media interviews and serving as hostesses during the festivities; and

WHEREAS, 2023 Mule Day Queen Addyson Codling and the esteemed young women of her court epitomize the spirit of distinction and the commitment to greatness that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; their dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of our respect and admiration; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud these young women for their remarkable achievement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Addyson Codling upon being crowned the 2023 Mule Day Queen, as well as the members of the 2023 Mule Day Court, Graciee English, Anisa Grimes, Kennedy Bragg, and Ava Sykes, extending to them our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.